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The Virginia Integrated HIV Care and Prevention Plan is Available Online

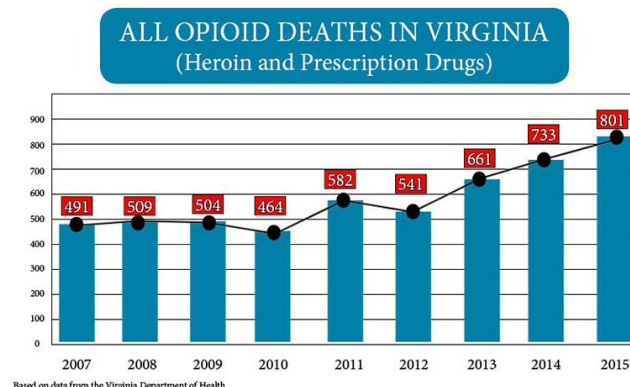
Virginia's Integrated HIV Care and Prevention Plan (IP) for 2017-2021 is available on the VDH [website](#). The IP is Virginia's strategic plan to address the HIV epidemic in the state, using the goals set forth in the [National HIV/AIDS Strategy](#). The IP was created through collaborative efforts both within and outside of VDH and is Virginia's first integrated care and prevention plan. The Community HIV Planning Group provided input on the process and helped identify needs and gaps that exist in the state's care and prevention programs. Other state agencies, planning councils, focus groups of HIV care consumers, and persons with risk behaviors that could lead to HIV infection also provided valuable input in the planning process. The IP is a "living document" and will be monitored and updated yearly. DDP thanks all of the contributors to the planning process for their efforts in developing strategies to help end the HIV epidemic in Virginia. For more information on the IP, please contact [Renate Nnoko](#), HIV Care Services Planner, or [Bruce Taylor](#), HIV Prevention Planner.

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Virginia's Opioid Addiction Crisis: A Public Health Emergency

Did you know that more Virginians die every year from an overdose than in automobile accidents, and nationally there is an overdose death every 20 minutes? In late November 2016, Dr. Marissa J. Levine, State Health Commissioner, declared the Virginia opioid addiction crisis a public health emergency. In response, Dr. Levine issued a [standing order](#) that allows all Virginians to obtain the drug Naloxone that is used to reverse narcotic overdoses. The standing order



VDH Messages

To ensure you receive e-mail messages, such as the DDP E-Bulletin or announcements about funding opportunities, please check that important DDP contacts (such as your contract monitor) are in your address book so that their e-mails are not sent to your spam or junk folders. Check those folders regularly to see if you

serves as a prescription written for the general public and removes a potential barrier to Naloxone accessibility. Virginia residents can now request Naloxone directly from their local pharmacy without having to visit their medical provider in the event of a life-threatening opiate overdose.

[REVIVE!](#), a program through the Department of Behavioral Health and Developmental Services (DBHDS), provides in-person trainings around the state to community members on how to identify a potential overdose and administer Naloxone. The current training schedule is available on the [REVIVE!](#) website.

Governor Terry McAuliffe signed [Executive Directive 9](#) in December 2016 to create an Executive Leadership Team to oversee Virginia's continuing work to combat the opioid epidemic. Governor McAuliffe also [announced](#) he would submit legislation during the 2017 General Assembly session to further enhance the Commonwealth's approach to behavioral health and combatting opioids. One of the Governor's proposals is a bill that would authorize a syringe services program as one component of a comprehensive harm reduction strategy, allowing certain individuals and entities to lawfully possess clean syringes.

Have you heard of [VaAware](#)? It is a website that serves as a central location to access various addiction, prevention, and recovery resources from several executive branch agencies, including DBHDS and VDH. CDC's Vital Signs fact sheet, "[HIV and Injection Drug Use: Syringe Services Programs for HIV Prevention](#)", is an excellent resource on elements of a comprehensive harm reduction strategy.

Affordable Care Act (ACA) Open Enrollment Update

ADAP is in the midst of the 2017 ACA Open Enrollment Period, which runs November 1, 2016 through January 31, 2017. This program has allowed for previously uninsured individuals to access insurance through ADAP at no cost. VDH will continue to provide ACA enrollment updates to stakeholders via email. For more information regarding covered plans and enrollment sites, please check the VDH ADAP website at <http://bit.ly/2jcTXWW>.

Free Statewide Trainings for Clinicians and Behavioral Health Professionals

The Addiction and Recovery Treatment (ART) Services is offering no-cost statewide trainings titled, "Addressing the Disease of Addiction in Your Outpatient Clinic: Removing the Frustration with Opiate Use." These trainings are intended for clinicians and behavioral health professionals such as medical doctors, doctors of osteopathy, advance practice nurses, physician's assistants, medical students, substance abuse professionals, rehabilitation professionals, and behavioral health professionals. There is no skill level required for the training.

To learn more about the training, including how to receive continuing medical education, or to register, visit the ARTS [website](#). For further information on training opportunities, contact [Lisa Wooten](#), Injury and Violence Prevention Program Supervisor.

have missed messages.

ADAP Enrollment Numbers as of 12/13/16

- Total Clients Enrolled: 6,045
- Direct ADAP Clients: 1,758
- Medicare Part D Assistance Program (MPAP) Clients: 550
- Insurance Continuation Assistance Program (ICAP) Clients: 514
- Health Insurance Marketplace Assistance Program (HIMAP) Enrollment Clients: 3,223

2017 HIMAP Enrollment Numbers

- Re-enrolled for 2017 (have all information): 1,133
- New enrollments for 2017: 138
- Enrolled in ACA in 2016 (no 2017 information): 2,129

Hepatitis C/HIV Treatment Assistance Program Numbers as of 12/13/16

- Total Clients that have Accessed Program: 75
- Clients that have Completed Therapy: 13
- Clients currently on Treatment: 56

ADAP Listserv

To request to be added to the ADAP Listserv to receive updates, please contact [Carrie Rhodes](#) at (804) 864-7914.

Quality Management Upcoming Event

The next Virginia Statewide Ryan White Collaborative Quality Management Advisory Committee (QMAC) quarterly meeting is scheduled for Friday, February 10, 2017, at the Virginia Department for the Blind and Vision Impaired, 395 Azalea Avenue, Richmond, Virginia. Registration will start at 9:00 a.m., and the meeting will last 9:30 a.m. until 4:00 p.m. The meeting is designed to build capacity among all Ryan White providers (A, B, C, D and F) and consumers. Also, this is an opportunity to share QM strategies and best practices, and strengthen quality infrastructure.

For more information, please contact [Safere Diawara](#) at (804) 864-2186.

New Patient Educational Materials Available on PrEP

Two new educational videos are available online thanks to collaboration between HIVE and Project Inform. The videos are designed to assist women in making informed decisions about using pre-exposure prophylaxis (PrEP). The first video, "Women, PrEP & Sexual Health," is available in both [English](#) and [Spanish](#). The second video, "Transgender Women & Sexual Health," may be viewed by clicking [here](#).

Trojan Magnums now available!

Trojan Magnums are the most frequently requested condom and have been added to the VDH Condom Distribution Program [order form](#) for 2017. Please be sure to use the most recent form when placing orders and provide a street address rather than a P.O. Box to ensure delivery.

Both health districts and community partners are eligible for the VDH Condom Distribution Program. Organizations may now order up to 25,000 condoms each quarter (100,000 a year) and those with multiple sites may be approved to order more. Female condoms and non-latex condoms are also available. Individuals or agencies with questions regarding the VDH Condom Distribution Program may contact [Beth Marschak](#) at (804) 864-8008.



Feedback Requested on the DDP Condom Distribution Program.

If your health department or community group participated in the VDH Condom Distribution Program during 2016, or if you considered participating, please take a few minutes to take our [survey](#). We use the results of this annual survey to improve our free condom program and to help plan for the next year.

If you have any questions regarding the condom program or the condom survey, please contact [Beth Marschak](#) at (804) 864-8008.

The Community Advancement Project (CAP)

The Community Advancement Project (CAP) meets regionally as an advisory board to assess needs of gay and bisexual men and transgender women of color. CAP has worked to identify health needs including mental health, awareness of PrEP, substance abuse, domestic violence, perceptions of LGBT persons of color in the media, health testing, stigma, access to treatment, and more. If you would like to participate or receive more information, please contact [Joshua Thomas](#).

Stay Connected!

Check out upcoming events on the DDP [HIV Prevention webpage](#). You can request to have your own events added to the calendar and our Facebook page through the Event Submission Form, located on the events page under the events calendar.

For those using a compatible web browser, you may also download the [Event Submission Form](#) directly and submit it following the directions at the bottom of the sheet. "Like" our DDP [Facebook page](#) and share it with your friends to stay connected socially and hear about events throughout the state.

Expansion of the Data to Care Initiative

DDP continues to expand the Data to Care program, which utilizes HIV surveillance data and other data sources to generate lists of persons who are potentially out of care to link or re-engage these individuals back into HIV medical care. Linkage staff from more than 25 local health departments, community-based organizations, and medical facilities across Virginia have been trained on the Data to Care protocol and are following up with out-of-care clients. Additionally, DDP's Data to Care Linkage Coordinator, **Mark Baker**, is following up on out-of-care clients who may have never accessed care after diagnosis.

From the information received from agencies on 296 out-of-care clients to date, 6% were not in care, 53% were in care, 18% were unable to be located, 12% had relocated out of state, 3% were deceased, 2% were incarcerated and 5% had another outcome. Of the 18 persons "not in care," 72% have reengaged in care after follow-up. Data to Care continues to be a successful collaborative program within DDP and all participating agencies. For additional information about becoming involved with the Data to Care Program, please contact [Amanda Saia](#).

NCSD Features Blog from Walter Backus!



The National Coalition of STD Directors (NCSD) is hosting a blog series over the next few weeks to feature posts from NCSD members and Disease Intervention Specialist (DIS) Scholarship recipients on their 2016 Annual Meeting experience. A featured blog in recent weeks was written by our own **Walter Backus**. Walter was selected as one of six DIS scholarship recipients to attend the 2016 Annual NCSD Meeting held in Phoenix, Arizona. Read his blog post [here](#)!